

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of claims that replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled without prejudice)
2. (Canceled without prejudice)
3. A method for the production of 3-dichloromethylthio-7-fluoro- 1-methyl-4-quinolone, comprising:
 - a) providing:
 - i) thionyl chloride;
 - ii) pyridine; and
 - iii) 3-chloromethylsulfinyl-7-fluoro-1-methyl-4-quinolone;
 - b) reacting said thionyl chloride, pyridine, and 3-chloromethylsulfinyl-7-fluoro-1-methyl-4-quinolone under conditions such that 3-dichloromethylthio-7-fluoro-1-methyl-4-quinolone is produced.
4. (Canceled without prejudice)